

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. The amendments are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Summary of the Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-18 of US 6,763,282.

Summary of Amendment

Applicants have amended the first page of the patent application to indicate that the present application is a continuation application of United States Patent No. 6,763,282.

Remarks Regarding Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-18 of US 6,763,282. Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. As such, Applicants respectfully request removal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

From the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejections have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all outstanding rejections and allowance of pending Claims 1-24.

Enclosed is a USPTO Credit Card Payment Form filled out for \$ 55.00 to cover the fees associated with the Terminal Disclaimer. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1481.

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